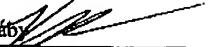


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, for which Applicants have filed a request for a one-month extension of time to 11/28/04 in which to file a response, please see the following attached sheets for Amendments. The undersigned attorney expresses appreciation for the telephone conversation he had with Examiner Yu on 06/24/04 wherein a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group (a) wherein the analyte is a proteinaceous toxin (Group (i) wherein the ligand is specific to a proteinaceous toxin, and (Group (1) wherein the method of detection is through intrinsic fluorescence of the protein, claims 21-23, 26, and 53. Claims 24, 25, and 27-37 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Appreciation is also expressed for the office

interview accorded the undersigned attorney and inventor Christopher R. Lloyd on November 9, 2004.

The specification and claims have been amended to reflect the understanding reached at the interview.